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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A

THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT : Unidentified Buildings in Southeast Laos

REFERENCES : (1) DDI Requirements No. C-DI4-81,250
(2) CIA/PID Project No. C 613-64

1. In response to the above referenced requirement, a search of aerial photography covering Southeast Laos was conducted in order to locate and study U/I longhouses or warehouses mentioned above.

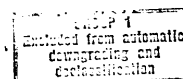
2. Seven villages, or groups of dwellings, were selected to illustrate the type of buildings located in this area. Annotated photos of each are enclosed (CIA/PID/IB-P-529/64 thru P-534/64) and their locations are shown on the enclosed annotated map (CIA/PID/IB-P-528/64). All photos were reproduced at the same enlargement factor, and in order to effect a better comparison, the length of one or more of the longest houses is given for each group of buildings. Although the houses varied greatly in length, they all appear to be constructed according to the same general plan; that is, an elongated narrow structure with a thatched roof. Although these houses vary in length from 15 feet to approximately 160 feet, there are so many of each of the various sizes as to make no one longhouse exceptional or unusual. Without any apparent additional indicators upon which to draw a conclusion, it is therefore assumed that all buildings which were analyzed, are merely varied examples of longhouses found in this area. These buildings are evidently used by the Laotians for crop storage and/or communal family living.

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3. The analyst assigned to this project was [REDACTED], who may be contacted on extension 2546 should questions arise concerning this memorandum.

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4. This project, which was coordinated with [REDACTED] of GMB,
is considered complete.

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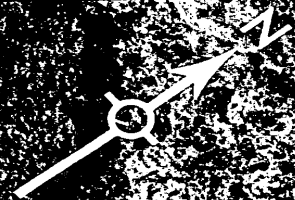
Enclosures:

- 1 Annotated Map
(CIA/PID/IB-P-528/64)
- 6 Annotated Photos
(CIA/PID/IB-P-529/64 thru P-534/64)

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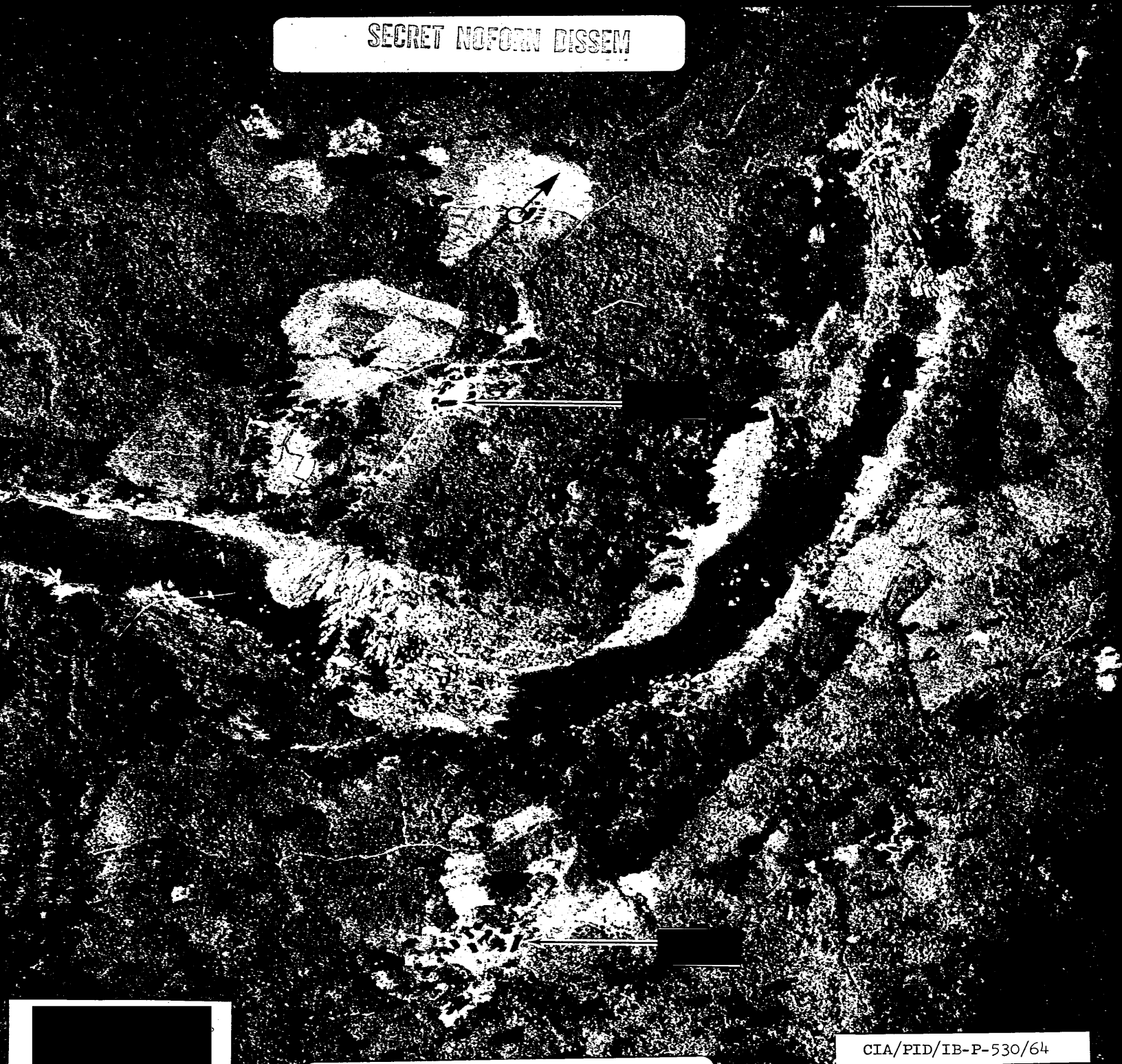
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